

RAJYA SABHA [3 August, 2001]

1	2	3	4	5
26.	Orissa	2	18	8
27.	Punjab	0	10	5
28.	Rajasthan	4	24	7
29.	Sikkim	1	5	2
30.	Tamil Nadu	5	20	12
31.	Tripura	0	4	2
32.	Uttar Pradesh	1	23	15
33.	Uttaranchal	6	6	5
34.	West Bengal	5	15	13
TOTAL		89	497	178

Effective environment laws

**1419. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:**

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are not enough effective laws to improve environment either air, water (sea and river) and land; and

(b) if so, how Government plan to introduce more stringent and practical laws in this respect?

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
(SHRI T.R. BAALU):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ganga Action Plan-II

1420. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National River Authority has considered the recommendations of Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and of the Varanasi

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Nagar Nigam for Ganga Action Plan-II, on the basis of alternative technology with the help of International support;

- (b) if so, the decision taken in this regard;
- (c) when the Ganga Action Plan-II is likely to commence and completed; and
- (d) the total amount to be spent on Ganga Action Plan-II?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Government has received two separate proposals for Ganga Action Plan Phase-II works for cleaning of Ganga at Varanasi, one from Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and the other from Sankat Mochan Foundation, a non-governmental organization of Varanasi. Varanasi Nagar Nigam sent both the proposals to Government of Uttar Pradesh for their appraisal and forwarding the most appropriate proposal to Government. The Government of Uttar Pradesh after examining both proposals on their merit, forwarded the U.P. Jal Nigam proposal to Government for consideration and sanction. Both these proposals have been examined by a number of technical experts and committees during the past four years. These proposals were further considered by Government at a high level meeting on 13th July, 2001 and a decision in this matter will be taken shortly.

(c) and (d) The Ganga Action Plan Phase-II was approved for implementation in stages between 1993 and 1996 and includes works for pollution abatement of river Ganga as well as its tributaries Yamuna, Gomti and Damodar. The Plan is scheduled for completion by December, 2005. The total approved cost for Ganga Action Plan Phase-II is Rs.1498.86 crore.

Poaching in Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve

1421. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Nandadevi Biosphere Reserve has become a hunting ground for poachers whose prized catches include the musk deer, Himalayan black brown bear and leopard;